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Los Angeles Lakers' Lamar Odom leaves the game after his sixth foul during the second half of Game 6 of their NBA Western Conference playoffs basketball series Thursday.  
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*Aruba Marriott Selects All Star Team 2008*

## Joel Alcantara Named 'Associate Of The Year'



PALM BEACH - On Wednesday May 13, all 3 properties of the Aruba Marriott celebrated the All Star Team and Associate of the Year 2008 Celebration. In the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Resort an Awards Reception with plenty of food and beverage was organized where 7 of the 1100 associates were recognized for their outstanding achievements in 2008. Rick Zeolla, the resort complex Vice President & General Manager, hosted the All Star Team of the Year and Associate of the Year 2008 event.

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# Aruba Marriott Selects All Star Team 2008



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Each month the resort recognizes seven hourly associates as the employees of the month, named 'All Star Team'. Winners from

each month's All Star Team then become nominees for the All Star Team of the Year and ultimately from that select group Marriott's overall winner is announced:

the Associate of the Year. The All Star Team of the Year for 2008 includes: Estanislao Vrolijk (Casino Slots), Erwin Figaroa (Engineering), Ann Paul (Housekeeping), Esther Elvira Gomez (Kitchen), Josette Martina (Activities MVCI), and Keirsin Tjon-Pian-Gi (Sales & PR). Each All Star Team winner received congratulatory letters and plaques as well as \$300 and dinner for two in one of Marriott's restaurants.

The reception eclipsed with the announcement of the Associate of the

Year who turned out to be Joel Alcantara from Surf Club's Captain's Galley. Since joining the company in 2005, Joel is frequently recognized as an outstanding bartender. During his Marriott career he has worked as a server and bartender. His dedication is proof enough of the excellent job he does. Joel continues to exceed expectations and sees each and every opportunity or encounter with a guest or owner as a way to positively impact the guest's vacation experience to make it a truly memorable one. The associate of the year winner, Joel Alcantara received a

congratulatory letter from the Vice President & General Manager as well as a plaque, \$500,- in cash, a round trip ticket to the continental US or Caribbean, and a complimentary 5 night stay at any Marriott property.

During the celebrations it was said more than once that being nominated and selected out of more than 1,000 associates for an All Star Team is a very special accomplishment by itself and all present for the 2008 All Star Team of the Year are winners in a way. A special 'heads of' to the 7 winners of the 2008 All Star Team and especially to Joel Alcantara.



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stalks are thick at the bottom, tapering to a lovely yellow at the top. The masterful touch of Papillon's chef Griet Vanbrabant reveals its elegant potential and its amazing taste. Time to book a table and go for the gold!

Of course you will want to start off with a creamy asparagus soup to whet your appetite. Then there is a difficult choice to make: are you going for the asparagus tempura and smoked salmon served with a salad and a garlic sauce, the asparagus à la Flamande, the classic Flemish way when the asparagus is served with chopped egg, nutmeg, melted butter and parsley, or are you opting for the pan-fried salmon filet with white and green asparagus duo, mashed potatoes and a Hollandaise sauce.

Or will you choose the tenderloin served with a risotto of white and green asparagus

and a red port sauce? the white asparagus is a seasonal vegetable, in demand by connoisseurs and gourmands. □

## ECO DMS Contributing To A Clean Aruba



ORANJESTAD - Historically Aruba has had an ongoing challenge with litter, but thanks to the contribution of several local companies who have supported the "Adopt a trashcan" project, the problem has received more attention and focus. ECO DESTINATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES (ECO DMS) joins the family that is determined to make the difference and "adopts" 1 trashcan placing it at Bushiribana. One of the most popular Jeep and Island Tour stops but very much neglected by those who use it every day. By adopting a trashcan ECO DMS contributes enormously in protecting and maintaining Bushiribana clean. Clean Master applauds ECO DMS's initiative to adopt a trashcan and show that they want to not only point at the problem but also do something about it. Let us all protect and keep our Aruba clean. Throw your trash in a trashcan. Please help protect our Aruba, 'Adopt a trashcan' and make the difference.



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## Loyal visitors honored at the Bucuti Beach Resort



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effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at Casa del Mar they call their home away from home. Jane Peterson were honored as an Ambassador of Goodwill after visiting Aruba for 20 years. Bob Peterson, Joanne Jordan and also Sandra Jordan were honored as an distinguished visitors. On picture Kimberly Giel from ATA together with honorees and also Xiomara from Casa del Mar Resort

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# Driftwood wins Curacao Yacht Club 43th annual fishing tournament



Curacao Yacht Club organizes their 43th annual fishing tournament and count on a participation of 47 boats during the weekend of April 4 and 5 last. Over 20 well prepared teams from Aruba joined the tournament.

The Driftwood team consisted of three fishermen Herbert Merryweather Jr., Marcelo Heyden, Rodolfo Ras, and as captain Milton Pichardo. The rules that apply to the tournament are simple, catch a blue marlin, take the picture

and release. The team is allowed to keep the blue only if the weight of the fish surpasses 300 pounds.

The results are as follows: the winner is Driftwood from Aruba, second place goes to Le Grand Bleu from Bonaire, and third place goes to Hey Chama from Curacao. In addition Driftwood also won the prizes of best fisherman by Marcelo Heyden, and Best Captain by Milton Pichardo. □



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Aruba Fairy Tale Wedding at the Radisson Resort

# Jana & Charles exchange rings & vows



PALM BEACH - Jana Ekarius & Charles Chicchetti celebrated their love for one another by exchanging rings and vows on the beach as the sun set into the Caribbean Sea. Family and friends flew to Aruba from the USA to witness Jana and Charles' Aruba Fairy Tale Wedding. After the ceremony and sunset photos, the newlyweds invited their guests to a cocktail party on the beach followed by a reception poolside at the Aruba Radisson Resort. This fantasy beach blessing was coordinated by Indira Maduro of Aruba Fairy Tales together with her assistant Danielle. Everyone enjoyed the fabulous destination wedding at the Radisson, followed by a wonderful honeymoon and the start of a new life as husband and wife. Congratulations from Aruba Today. □





*After successful Wente Vineyards/  
Papiamento Golf Tournament*

## Local charity Ban Uni Man pa Cria Nos Muchanan receives donation

Aruba has a very happy local charity president: Mr. John Fun. He received a substantial cheque out of the hands of Govert van der Hout of the Arion Wine Company, representative of Wente Wines on the island. The cheque was the result of the very successful Wente Vineyards/Papiamento Restaurant Golf Tournament, which was held at the Tierra del Sol Golfcourse on April 5. Golfers are still talking about the fun happening, which started off with a superb cocktail reception at Papiamento Restaurant. 132 Golfers participated in the tournament.

Mr. Fun's charity is called 'Ban Uni Man pa Cria Nos Muchanan' (Get together to feed our children); this foundation takes care of feeding children who go to school hungry and it was the recipient of the proceeds of this fifth edition of the tournament.

Valued sponsors were AIB, Coldwell Banker, Deloitte, Dufry, Fantastic Gardens, Freeway, Hugo Boss, Ling & Sons, Nagico Insurance, Ocean Air, Optica Oduber & Kan, Valero, VNO, Willy's Pool, Digicel, Zen Design, Crystal Casino, Fuji Water, Taste of Belgium and a few silent sponsors. Winners of the tournament were Sidney Flanegin and Andy Doorer, who won a trip to California, of course to the Wente Vineyards and golf course.

Photo shows Mr. John Fun of the Ban Uni Man pa Cria Nos Muchanan foundation with Arion's Govert van der Hout

and the much appreciated cheque of Awg. 11.000.-, which will take care of many of the sandwiches for a rumbling stomach.



Mr. John Fun receives cheque

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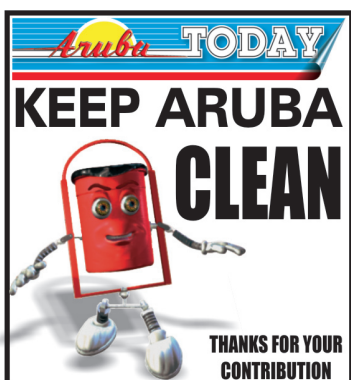
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# Bringing Modern Design Home

SALINJA CERCA -- Elizangela and Teo Farro shared some of the reasons behind the purchase of their furniture with EQ3 representatives Lynn Maduro and Rachel Peterson at EQ3 Furniture + Accents, Salinja Cerca Strip Mall.

The couple reports that when they walked into the EQ3 store, they immediately realized it was an internationally recognized quality brand and they found the prices in sync with what they had in mind. EQ3 welcomed the entire family. The pieces they selected for purchase passed all climbing and kicking tests with their children, and were enthusiastically received by all. "We are extremely happy with our purchase at EQ3 and are planning on returning soon to your store for

more," says Elizangela, pictured here with her husband Teo, and sales associate Rachel.

"All our customers" says store manager Lynn Maduro, "wishing to custom-order anything from a sofa to a chair, are welcome to do so. We have just cut the waiting time for shipping and delivery in half, and customers wishing to order just one piece, or an entire living room may choose from 18 different sofa/loveseat styles, armchairs, chaises and occasional chairs, in over one hundred different fabric and leather colors and grades, and we also have a nice selection of print fabrics, to splash color or artistic flair, on an otherwise conservative environments," she concludes. □



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The Brazilian-style steakhouse also offers up a garden full of healthy eats on a lavish 40-item seasonal salad bar, giving dieters plenty to choose from to accompany the

slow-roasted meats. A selection of fresh lettuces and vegetables may be standard for most salad bars, but **Texas de Brazil's** version goes a gourmet twist further, treating the palate to additional items like marinated portabella mushrooms, sweet roasted bell peppers, hearts of palm, sundried tomatoes, imported cheeses—including fresh buffalo mozzarella—sushi, home-made soups, and much more.

The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, **Texas de Brazil** will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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# Will Star Trek Bedevil Angels & Demons?

Joal Ryan

Los Angeles (E! Online) — Last weekend, Star Trek beat box-office projections. This weekend, can it beat Tom Hanks?

Probably not—emphasis on probably.

“I kind of have to give the edge to Angels & Demons,” says box-office forecaster Paul Dergarbedian of Hollywood.com. “[But] it’s gonna be tighter than anybody thought because of the legs that Star Trek has.”

After its bigger-than-estimated

opening weekend, Trek has sped to \$100 million overall with fat, mid-week grosses.

Heading into its second weekend, Trek is still accounting for a big chunk of advance-ticket sales. As of yesterday, MovieTickets.com said Trek was its hottest ticket, accounting for 49 percent of business. At Fandango today, Angels & Demons held a slim, 4-percent edge over Trek. (E! Online and Fandango are both owned by Comcast.)

Dergarbedian figures Trek will gross around

about \$37.5 million Friday-Sunday, roughly half of its debut-weekend haul. (By comparison, ticket sales for X-Men Origin: Wolverine plunged nearly 70 percent in its second weekend.)

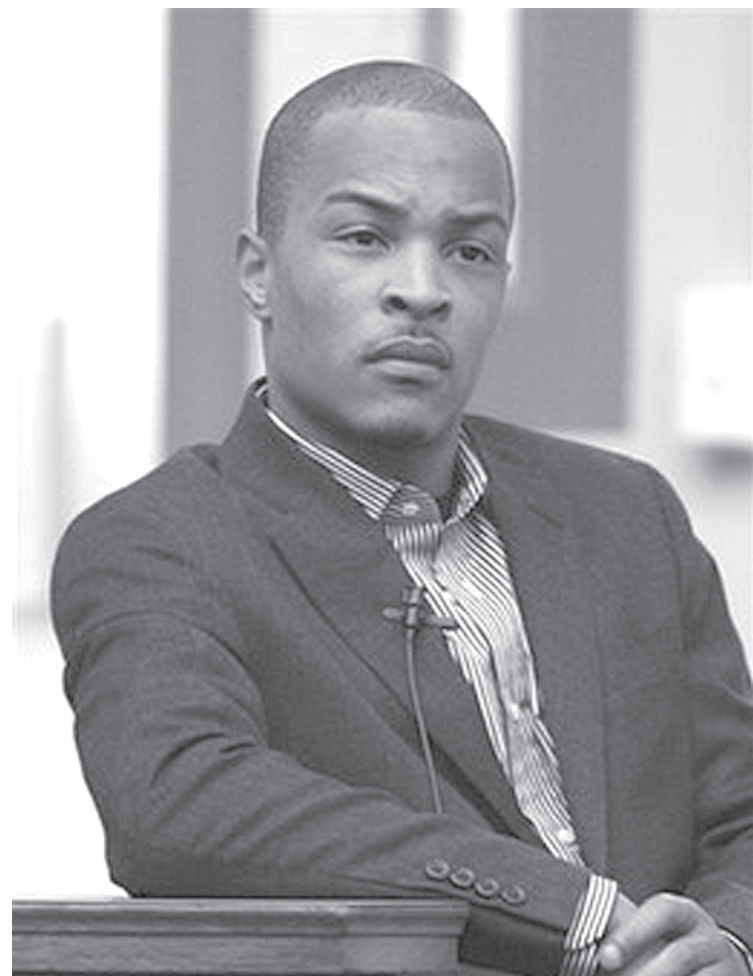
But as big as Trek may be, Angels & Demons—Hanks, Ron Howard, Dan Brown DNA and all—is expected to be bigger. (Although not bigger than its 2006 predecessor, The Da Vinci Code.) Dergarbedian pegs it for a \$45-\$50 million bow.

So, for those keeping score at



home, that’s a projected finish Wonder if Kirk knows how of Angels & Demons, one, and to work his Kobayashi Maru Star Trek, two. magic on the box office...

## Rapper T.I. coming to Arkansas



FILE - In this Nov. 21, 2008 file photo, Rapper T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris, of Atlanta, listens to a question as he testifies in Hamilton County Common Pleas Court in Cincinnati.

(AP Photo/David Kohl, file)

By JON GAMBRELL,  
Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — T.I. will be coming to Arkansas by May 26 to serve a prison sentence on federal weapons charges.

The 28-year-old rapper, whose real name is Clifford J. Harris Jr., will be serving his sentence of one year and a day at the Forrest City low-security federal prison. Paperwork filed in his federal court case shows he has until noon on May 26 to report for his sentence.

Prison officials didn’t immediately return a call Friday for comment.

Harris pleaded guilty to the charges after he tried to buy a stash of machine guns and silencers to protect himself after his best friend was killed. He will also pay a \$100,000 fine as part of his sentence. □

## Natalie Portman Denies Sean Penn Romance

Natalie Finn

Los Angeles (E! Online) — Natalie Portman isn’t one to Milk a rumor for publicity.

The 27-year-old actress is firmly denying rumors that she and reigning Best Actor Sean Penn are an item.

“Sean Penn is a friend and colleague,” the star of the upcoming New York, I Love You said in a statement to Extra Friday. “The reports that we are romantically involved are completely untrue. I normally do not respond to rumors about my private life, however, this repeatedly fabricated story has forced me to

do so.” And the rumors have been out there—a tabloid report that the May-December duo were canoodling in a West Hollywood bar barely two weeks after Penn, 48, filed for a legal separation from his wife of 13 year, Robin Wright Penn, metamorphosed into full-fledged “they’re together” stories.

We know that Penn and Portman served on the 2008 Cannes Film Festival jury together, but otherwise... only anonymous sources are claiming to know anything else.

Portman split up with folk-rock singer Devendra Banhart last fall. □

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# Stocks extend week's losses after 2-month rally



A phone hangs from a terminal on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange April 20, 2009.

By **TIM PARADIS**,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — On Wall Street, not so bad is no longer good enough. Stocks extended the week's losses Friday, further chilling the market's spring rally. Traders who last week sent stocks higher on economic news that wasn't as bad as expected are now selling. And analysts say it will take more upbeat data to restart the rally that swept major stock indicators up more than 30 percent from 12-year lows in early March.

The Labor Department said Friday that consumer prices in April were flat, as economists predicted. Manufacturing activity in the New York area and industrial production contracted less than economists expected. And a Reuters/University of Michigan index of consumer sentiment rose to an eight-month high in May, a possible harbinger of improved consumer spending. But even with this handful of silver-lining economic data, traders found little incentive to buy. Instead, a drop in the price of oil hit energy companies, while financial stocks slid on worries that the economic recovery could be further off than traders had been betting

*REUTERS/Shannon Stapleton*

in recent months. "This market is tired," said Joe Saluzzi, co-head of equity trading at Themis Trading LLC. Wall Street's rally has also hit a lull now that the government's stress tests of banks are done, earnings reports are winding down and the first wave of April economic data has been released. Traders aren't clear what the next catalyst might be to pump the market higher — or whether the gains might erode.

"We've gotten through the panic point, and what will get us to the next level is seeing the economy actually grow. It'll happen, but it's a matter of when," said Douglas Kreps, managing director at Fort Pitt Capital Group.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 62.68, or 0.8 percent, to 8,268.64. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 10.19, or 1.1 percent, to 882.88, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 9.07, or 0.5 percent, to 1,680.14.

For the week, the Dow fell 3.6 percent, the S&P 500 index lost 5 percent and the Nasdaq slid 3.4 percent.

With the S&P 500 index up 30.5 percent from the lows of two months ago, many

traders are finding it a safer bet to cash in some of their gains. About two stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 5.3 billion shares, compared with 6.8 billion shares traded Thursday.

Not all the news of the day fit with the idea that the economy is sewing up its holes.

The Treasury Department agreed to extend billions in federal bailout funds to six major life insurers. The move was positive because it means the insurers will get more capital, but negative because it implied that the insurers' problems posed a serious risk to the financial system.

Among the companies, the Hartford Financial Services Group Inc. said it is eligible

for \$3.4 billion from the Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP, while Lincoln National Corp. said it has been initially approved for a \$2.5 billion injection.

Hartford fell 15 cents to \$14.60, while Lincoln National fell 12 cents to \$16.12.

Investors also remained concerned about the auto industry. General Motors Corp., as expected, began notifying 1,100 U.S. dealers Friday that their franchise agreements would not be renewed. GM said the closures — which come a day after Chrysler LLC cut ties with a quarter of its dealers — must be made as part of its government-ordered restructuring plan. GM fell 6 cents, or 5.2 percent, to

\$1.09.

Energy stocks weighed on the market as oil slid \$2.28 to settle at \$56.34 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Schlumberger Ltd. fell \$1.88, or 3.5 percent, to \$52.05, while Devon Energy Corp. fell \$3.51, or 5.7 percent, to \$58.50.

FirstEnergy Corp. fell \$3.87, or 9.6 percent, to \$36.47 after the regional electric utility's energy supply and pricing auction in Ohio came in below analyst expectations. The stock traded as low as \$35.26, a level not seen since December 2003.

The market hit its highest levels of the rally last Friday as investors bought when news, including April employment figures, wasn't as grim as feared. □

## CAW not close to reaching deal with GM Canada

By **CHARMAINE NORONHA**,  
Associated Press Writer

TORONTO — General Motors Canada has demanded concessions far greater than the Canadian Auto workers granted to Chrysler Canada last month, the union said Friday, as both parties face a looming midnight deadline to reach a cost-cutting labor agreement.

The federal and Ontario governments set the deadline for the two sides to agree on a deal to replace a pact that was negotiated in March. The governments have asked the union to give GM Canada the same concessions that it recently gave Chrysler Canada.

"It's slow, but we're making progress. It's stressful because the demands are significant and our committees are grasping at them one tiny step at a time," said CAW president Ken Lewenza.

"The reality is the company has way too many proposals on the table and we don't have any. So it's one-way bargaining at this particular time, and their demands are much more excessive than what Chrysler asked for."

The CAW and GM agreement ratified in March provided the company with about 7 Canadian

dollars (\$5.97) an hour in labor cost savings. That followed an agreement last summer that froze wages and gave other concessions.

The governments hope the new deal will mimic a deal reached with Chrysler Canada late last month that provided that company with about 19 Canadian dollars (\$16) an hour in savings. The CAW-Chrysler deal cut costs for the auto maker by 240 million Canadian dollars (\$204 million) annually.

The governments have offered between 9 billion and 10 billion Canadian dollars (\$7.7 billion to \$8.5 billion) in loans to GM Canada and Chrysler Canada if they approve of the restructuring and cost-saving measures laid out by the struggling automakers.

"I don't think we relish this kind of participation in a private-sector company," Prime Minister Stephen Harper told reporters Friday.

"But as we have said, if all of the stakeholders in General Motors are prepared to do the things necessary to ensure the long-run viability of the company, we are prepared to work together in concert with the government of the United States to make sure that we preserve our share of auto production in this country." □



# More auto cuts: GM will eliminate 1,100 US dealers

By **DAN STRUMPF** and **TOM KRISHER**,

AP Auto Writers

**NEW YORK** — General Motors on Friday told about 1,100 of its dealers — one in five — that they would be dropped by late next year, adding to the economic pain radiating from the beleaguered Detroit automakers to cities and towns across the country. Including Chrysler's decision a day earlier to eliminate a quarter of its own, about 1,900 dealerships — many pillars of their communities and heavy advertisers for local media — learned in a matter of 48 hours that they would be forced either to sell fewer brands or close altogether.

The GM dealerships will be eliminated when their contracts end late next year.

"We're 98 years old. We're two years from a hundred, and I don't want to go out at 99 years," said Alan Bigelow, whose family runs a Cleveland-area Chevrolet dealer that learned it was on GM's hit list.

While GM doesn't own the dealers, the company says its network is too big, causing dealers to compete with each other and giving shoppers too much leverage to talk down prices and hurt future sales. Several hundred of the GM

dealers knew already they were headed for closure, but most of them learned for the first time Friday.

An industry group says the GM and Chrysler cuts combined could wipe out 100,000 jobs. Both GM and Chrysler are scrambling to reorganize and stay alive in a severe recession that has pummeled car and truck sales for U.S. automakers, which had already been losing market share to foreign companies for decades.

Chrysler LLC is already in bankruptcy protection, and industry analysts say General Motors Corp. is making its cuts now in preparation for a bankruptcy filing June 1.

The company says it would prefer to restructure out of court.

GM declined to reveal which dealers will be eliminated. Many dealers vowed to fight, first through a 30-day company appeal process, then possibly in court.

GM's dealers are protected by state franchise laws, and the company concedes it would be easier to cut them if it were operating under federal bankruptcy protection.

GM says it's trying to restructure outside of bankruptcy because of the stigma of Chapter 11.

Chrysler dealers have fewer options because the company has already filed for bankruptcy protection, and federal bankruptcy judges generally trump state law. And Chrysler said on Thursday that its cuts were final.

GM outlined a plan to cut about 40 percent of its 6,000-dealer network by the end of 2010 in hopes of getting the company back on its feet. Besides the 1,110 dealership cuts, the company will shed about 500 dealerships that market the Saturn, Hummer and Saab brands, which GM plans to phase out or sell.

And when the surviving dealers' contracts are up in late 2010, GM will cut still more by not offering renewals to about 10 percent of the



**A shipment of predominantly General Motors vehicles line a Port of Oakland wharf on Friday, May 15, 2009, in Oakland, Calif. GM has said it will notify 1,100 U.S. dealers that their franchise agreements will not be renewed.**

(AP Photo/Noah Berger)

dealers who are left.

Dealers could stay open selling used cars or other brands, but GM and Chrysler cuts will still leave cities across the U.S. with empty buildings, vacant lots and perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost tax revenues.

FedEx letters bearing the bad news began arriving Friday morning at GM franchises around the country.

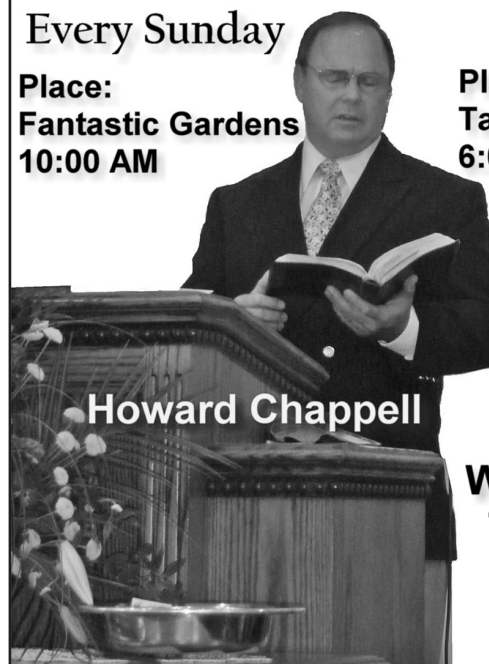
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# Impeachment is not the answer for Judge Bybee

By Bert Brandenburg

Washington – The quest to impeach federal Judge Jay Bybee has moved beyond the blogosphere, with former President Clinton's chief of staff and a chorus of lawmakers calling for his ouster. They cite Judge Bybee's previous work as head of the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, where he helped produce memos that green-lighted harsh treatment of prisoners at Abu Ghraib, Guantánamo, and elsewhere. There's no doubt that the policies Bybee helped write spawned detainee suffering. Had the memos been public during his hearing, it's hard to imagine him being confirmed. But turning impeachment into a litmus test for revulsion over prisoner abuse is a constitutional mistake – and a political one as well. Nobody should be above the law, but it's important to understand that impeachment was made cumbersome in order to discourage efforts to remove judges for partisan purposes. That's why so few judges have been impeached. Over two centuries, congressional interpretation of the Constitution has evolved to limit impeachment to occasions where there is a general consensus that the judge has committed a "crime" or "misdemeanor" serious enough to constitute a breach of the public trust. This high standard insulates courts from

political pressure even when lawmakers find judges' views to be disagreeable.

The Constitution gives the courts extra breathing room, even in stormy or disagreeable circumstances.

For example, after flirting with more partisan motives in the early 19th century, Congress has held off on impeaching judges on account of their decisions. And no federal judge has been impeached for conduct that took place before taking the bench, including legal work for the government.

It's not easy for Congress to discipline itself to keep partisan politics out of the courts. Unraveling that consensus, by attempting to impeach a judge before he or she is found guilty of a crime in court, could trigger an endless blood feud of politically motivated impeachments.

It was not so long ago that back in 2005 then-Congressman Tom DeLay was calling for widespread impeachment of judges, bragging about a file cabinet full of targets and saying that judges "need to be intimidated." Organizers of national "Justice Sunday" rallies called judges more threatening than terrorists.

In two states, lawmakers began moving toward impeaching judges after cable TV hosts assailed their criminal sentencing decisions.

The frenzy reached a peak when majorities of both parties

answered political pressure by passing a bill tampering with Terri Schiavo's end-of-life case.

In Bybee's case, so far, Congress has taken a different tack. It has wisely not moved to unseat him based on what is known. Meanwhile, lawmakers are using the impeachment process appropriately in two other cases, preparing potential impeachment proceedings against two judges who have been indicted on criminal

charges.

Bybee can be prosecuted if the evidence warrants. Those who are appalled by his executive branch legal advice can pressure Congress or other fact-finders to scrutinize it for evidence of wrongdoing.

Impeachment could be merited if it is proved he committed a crime or lied at his confirmation hearing, or if a genuine bipartisan consensus emerges that he lacks the legal skills or integrity to render

justice. In certain situations, impeachment investigations could also be warranted based on serious law enforcement inquiries.

But impeachment is the atomic bomb of American politics. Lawmakers need to take a deep breath before going nuclear, and think about whether they want their own favorite judges to face the fire next time.

Bert Brandenburg is executive director of the Justice at Stake Campaign. □

## Obama Gets It Right for Once

Linda Chavez

Creators Syndicate – If there was one incident that led to the decline in support for the Iraq War at home and abroad, it was the 2004 publication of pictures of U.S. soldiers taunting and abusing prisoners at Abu Ghraib. Those photos, broadcast endlessly into homes around the globe, depicted grinning American soldiers, male and female, next to naked Iraqi prisoners stacked in piles on the floor. Others showed snarling dogs intimidating prisoners. And perhaps the most infamous revealed a female soldier, cigarette dangling from her curled lips, leading a naked prisoner by a dog collar around his neck.

The soldiers who engaged in this rogue, illegal conduct were tried, convicted, and went to prison. But the damage they did can never be fully expiated. Now, a freedom of information filing by the American Civil Liberties Union threatens to open this old wound. The ACLU filed suit in 2003 to obtain the release of all photos related to military detention, and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals found in its favor last September. The Bush administration sought to reverse the ruling, but the Obama administration said in April it would not fight

the release of the photos. Then, President Obama reversed course this week, instructing the Justice Department to challenge the release in court on the grounds of national security. President Obama now says that the publication of these photos "would not add any additional benefit to our understanding of what was carried out in the past by a small number of individuals."

He added that the most direct consequence of releasing them "would be to further inflame anti-American opinion and to put our troops in danger." He did not come to this conclusion without help — namely from Gen. Ray Odierno, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, and Gen. David McKiernan, outgoing American commander in Afghanistan, who pushed Defense Secretary Robert Gates to urge the administration to fight the release of the photos.

Better late than never. Obama's reversal comes after weeks of controversy over his Justice Department's decision to release Bush administration memos giving legal justifications for the use of enhanced interrogation techniques on enemy combatants. □



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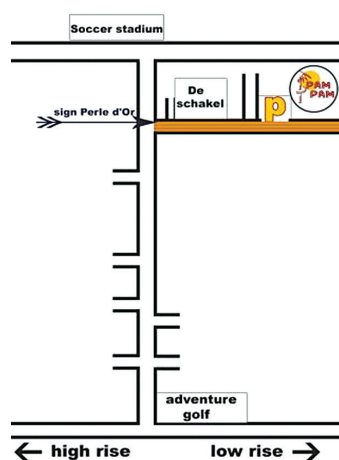


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ORANJESTAD - Benjamin Petrochi has started the newest

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In this photo, reviewed by the U.S. military, Guantanamo detainees pray before dawn near a fence of razor-wire, inside Camp 4 detention facility at Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base, Cuba, Thursday, May 14, 2009.

*Associated Press*

## Obama revives military tribunals for detainees

LARA JAKES

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said Friday he is restarting U.S. military tribunals for a small number of terrorist suspects at Guantanamo though with several new legal protections for defendants.

Obama said in a statement that his approach is “the best way to protect our country, while upholding our deeply held values.”

The decision puts Obama in the position of reviving a Bush-era trial system he once assailed as deeply flawed — and opposed as a senator. But he is immediately changing the rules that govern the trials in ways consistent with his past criticism of the Bush system. Obama also is asking Congress to change the law.

The move is certain to face criticism from liberal groups, already stung by his decision Wednesday to try to block the court-ordered release of photos showing U.S. troops abusing prisoners in Iraq and Afghanistan. That decision marked a reversal of his earlier stand on making the photos public.

“It’s disappointing that Obama is seeking to revive rather than end this failed experiment,” said Jonathan Hafetz, a national security attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union.

“There’s no detainee at Guantanamo who cannot be tried and shouldn’t be tried in the regular federal courts system. Even with the proposed modifications, this will not cure the commissions or provide them with legitimacy. This is perpetuating the Bush administration’s misguided detention policy.”

Answering liberal complaints, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters: “First and foremost, the president does what is in the best security interest of the United States.”

Thirteen detainees — including five charged with helping orchestrate the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks — are already in the tribunal system. The president said that immediate rule changes governing the trials, carried by out executive authority, will begin to bring them “in line with the rule of law,” most significantly by altering some rules of allowable evidence. Obama also is asking Congress to change the 2006 law creating the current, on-hold tribunal system to enact more sweeping reforms.

“This is the best way to protect our country, while upholding our deeply held values,” Obama said in a statement announcing his decision.

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The Center for Bio Ethical Reform (CBR) took their protest at the University of Notre Dame to the air Wednesday April 29, 2009 circling the campus with this banner featuring a picture of a 10 week old fetus being towed by a small plane, seen here passing the Golden Dome and the statue of the Virgin Mary. The organization vows to “increase the presence of these horrifying pictures of abortion over the next few weeks leading up to the commencement on May 17.” CBR and other groups are protesting the selection of President Barack Obama as commencement speaker because of his pro-choice position on abortion and his support of stem cell research. Notre Dame is in South Bend, Indiana. Associated Press

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In this handout photo by Sri Lanka’s Defense Ministry, Sri Lankan army soldiers are seen patrolling along the war zone in Vellamullivaikal, Sri Lanka, Friday, May 15, 2009.

*Associated Press*

## Sri Lankan prez: War to be finished in 48 hours

BHARATHA MALLAWARACHI

Associated Press Writer

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Sri Lanka’s president vowed to end the decades-old war against the Tamil Tiger rebels within 48 hours as the military battled Friday to take complete control of the country’s coastline.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa said thousands of civilians still in the war zone will be quickly freed from a tiny slice of land still controlled by the guerrillas, formally known as the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

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# Prosecutor, Rove end session on fired attorneys



Former White House aide Karl Rove gestures as he leaves the law offices in Washington, Friday, May 15, 2009.

Associated Press

PETE YOST

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal prosecutor questioned former top presidential aide Karl Rove for several hours on Friday, trying to determine his precise role in the Bush administration's politically tinged firings of U.S. attorneys.

It was the first time Rove, who engineered two presidential victories for President George W. Bush, has faced questioning in the controversy, which erupted in 2007 and has lingered because the Bush White House resisted efforts by Congress and the Justice Department to question Rove and others.

In Friday's session, Rove and the prosecutor who interviewed him, acting U.S. Attorney Nora Dannehy, declined to comment as they left the offices of Rove's lawyer separately.

It is conceivable Rove may have to undergo further questioning.

"He has nothing to hide and plans to answer any further questions" the prosecutor might have, said Rebecca Carr, a spokeswoman for Patton Boggs, the law firm where the meeting took place. Rove was inside the law offices

for about five hours.

Carr said Rove "fully cooperated in trying to answer all of her questions."

"I don't think it was a confrontational interview," said Carr. "I think he was trying really hard to work with them."

So far, the investigation has turned on whether then-Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and other Justice Department officials told the truth about the dismissals, which e-mail traffic suggests may have originated at the White House.

Some Justice Department officials at first claimed the U.S. attorneys were let go because of poor performance.

Rove inquired in January 2005 about firing U.S. attorneys, according to previously released e-mails between White House and Justice Department officials.

A Justice Department inquiry that wrapped up in late 2008 concluded that political considerations played a role in the firings of as many as four of the U.S. attorneys. Nine U.S. attorneys in all were fired in 2006.

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# Poll: More Americans are calling themselves pro-life

DAVID CRARY  
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—A Gallup Poll released Friday found that 51 percent of Americans now call themselves pro-life rather than pro-choice on the issue of abortion, the first time a majority gave that answer in the 15 years that Gallup has asked the question.

The findings, obtained in an annual survey on values and beliefs conducted May 7-10, marked a significant shift from a year ago. A year ago, 50 percent said they were pro-choice and 44 percent pro-life — in the new poll, 42 percent said they were pro-choice.

The U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion across America with its 1973 Roe vs. Wade verdict, but the practice remains controversial and some states have tried to restrict it.

The new survey showed that Americans remained deeply divided on the legality of abortion — with 23 percent saying it should be illegal in all circumstances, 22 percent saying it should be legal under any circumstances, and 53 percent saying it should be legal only under certain circumstances.

The findings echoed a recent national survey by the Pew Research Center, which reported a sharp decline since last August in those saying abortion should be legal in all or most cases — from 54

percent to 46 percent.

Taken together, the two polls have elated anti-abortion activists, who had been stung by the November election results that placed President Barack Obama and other abortion-rights supporters in power in Washington.

“Ironically, Obama’s radical abortion policies and nominees may have helped make America more pro-life,” said Wendy Wright, president of the conservative advocacy group Concerned Women for America.

The Rev. Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention’s Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, said the poll findings demonstrate that the anti-abortion cause “is a vibrant, growing, youthful movement.”

“We are winning the battle for hearts and minds in our culture on the life issue,” he said.

The president of a leading abortion-rights group, Nancy Keenan of NARAL Pro-Choice America, said the Gallup findings “do not square with the voting patterns in the last two elections cycles.”

“It would be a mistake for anti-choice groups to interpret this one poll as a signal that Americans want even more interference from politicians in their personal, private decisions, including a woman’s right to choose safe, legal abortion,” Keenan said.

Another abortion-rights leader, Planned Parenthood Federation of America president Cecile Richards, questioned the terminology in the Gallup questions.

“The terms pro-choice and pro-life no longer define the parameters of the debate, witnessed by the fact that in the Gallup Poll, a majority of people say they are both pro-life and that abortion should be legal,” Richards said.

She added that most Americans share Obama’s stated goal of reducing the number of unintended pregnancies.

Planned Parenthood also noted that another recent national survey, a CNN/Opinion Research Corp., poll in April, reported 49 percent of respondents identifying as pro-choice and 45 percent as pro-life.

The Gallup poll’s release came just ahead of Obama’s scheduled commencement speech Sunday at the University of Notre Dame, where he also is to receive an honorary degree. Those plans by the Roman Catholic university have sparked a wave of protests by anti-abortion activists, who contend Notre Dame should not honor a such a prominent supporter of abortion rights.

Gallup said its new poll showed an increase in the pro-life position across Christian religious affiliations, including an eight-point gain among



In this photo taken May 8, 2009 a truck adorned with anti-abortion protest signs is seen during a protest at Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. University of Notre Dame students who plan to protest the school’s awarding of an honorary degree to President Barack Obama on campus during commencement Sunday are calling for a peaceful, prayerful approach.

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Protestants and a seven-point gain among Catholics. It also reported a 10-point shift toward the pro-life category among Republicans but said there was no significant change among Democrats.

In the new poll, men identify as pro-life, 54 percent to 39 percent, while women also tilt pro-life 49 percent to 44 percent. A year ago, Gallup found more women calling themselves pro-choice than pro-life, by 50 percent to 43 percent, while men were more closely divided: 49 percent pro-choice, 46 percent pro-life.

“It is possible that, through his abortion policies, Obama has pushed the public’s understanding of what it means to be ‘pro-choice’ slightly to the left, politically,” according to the Gallup analysis. “While Democrats may support that, as they generally support everything Obama is doing as president, it may be driving others in the opposite direction.”

The Gallup survey was based on telephone interviews with 1,015 adults nationwide. Its margin of sampling error was plus or minus 3 percentage points. □

## Obama taps NYC health commissioner to head CDC

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Friday appointed Dr. Thomas Frieden as director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, turning to New York City’s health commissioner to deal with the swine flu outbreak and other major health issues.

Frieden has served as commissioner for the past seven years, where he led a campaign to ban smoking in restaurants and bars, boosted the number of New Yorkers getting HIV tests and helped to distribute millions of free condoms. As head of the CDC, Frieden would be in charge of the government’s response to the swine flu epidemic and other health crises.

In a statement announcing Frieden’s appointment, Obama said the new CDC chief had been a “leader in the fight for health care reform, and his experiences confronting public health challenges in our country and abroad

will be essential in this new role.”

Frieden will inherit a looming decision on how best to manage a swine flu outbreak, including whether or how to produce a swine flu vaccine. The virus has infected 6,673 people in 35 countries.

Health experts say the CDC needs to make immediate improvements in employee morale and organization as the Obama administration works to overhaul the national health care system.

“Dr. Frieden is an expert in preparedness and response to health emergencies, and has been at the forefront of the fight against heart disease, cancer and obesity, infectious diseases such as tuberculosis and AIDS, and in the establishment of electronic health records,” Obama said in the statement.

Frieden, 48, is expected to take office next month. His appointment does not require Senate confirmation. □

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Pentagon lawyers were filing a continuance request with the military commissions judge seeking a 120-day delay in trials to give the tribunals time to enact at least the initial rule changes.

The tribunal system was set up after the military began sweeping detainees off the battlefields of Afghanistan in late 2001. But it immediately came under repeated challenges from human rights and legal organizations, because it denied defendants most of the rights they would be granted in a civilian courtroom or even in a traditional military court martial.

As a senator Obama voted for one version of the tribunal law that gave detainees additional rights, but then voted against the more limited 2006 legislation that ultimately became law.

However, the changes Obama ordered as president are consistent with his past criticism of the Bush system. They include:

—Restrictions on hearsay evidence that can be used in court against the detainees.

—A ban on all evidence obtained through cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment. This would include statements given from detainees who were subjected to waterboarding, a form of simulated drowning.

—Giving detainees greater leeway in choosing their own military counsel.

—Protecting detainees who refuse to testify from legal sanctions or other court prejudices.

When Obama opposed the system that Congress ultimately approved, he called it “sloppy.”

“We have rushed through a bill that stands a good chance of being challenged once again in the Supreme Court,” Obama said in a Sept. 28, 2006, speech on the Senate floor.

“This is not how a serious administration would approach the problem of terrorism.”

Later, on the presidential campaign trail in February 2008, Obama described the Guantanamo trials as “a flawed military commission system that has failed to convict anyone of a terrorist act since the 9/11 attacks and that has been embroiled in

legal challenges.”

The restrictions on evidence almost certainly will result in only a fraction of detainees who ever will go to trial. The rest of the detainees would either be released, transferred to other nations or tried by civilian prosecutors in U.S. federal courts, an official said.

It is also possible that some could continue to be held indefinitely as prisoners of war with full Geneva Conventions protections, according to another senior U.S. official. The decision to restart the process puts the administration in a race against the clock to conclude commission trials before the Navy prison is closed, by January 2010. If the trials are still going on, the detainees might have to be brought to the United States, where they would receive



In this photo taken Tuesday, May 12, 2009 and reviewed by the U.S. military, guards stand on either side of a line-up of Guantanamo detainees, in white, to perform a search for unauthorized items, at Guantanamo's Camp 4 detention facility, at Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base, Cuba. President Barack Obama will restart military tribunals for a small number of Guantanamo detainees, reviving a Bush-era trial system he once assailed as flawed but with new legal protections for terror suspects, U.S. officials said.

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even greater legal rights.

Since Obama's executive order to close the prison, Republicans have focused on the issue of

where the detainees would go — and the new Democratic administration's lack of a plan to deal with them. □

## Eds: For global distribution. US trucker to ask for \$1 billion in bailout cash

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**AP Transportation Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — The largest publicly traded U.S. trucking company will ask for \$1 billion in aid from the federal bailout fund, as creditors come knocking and business continues to sink, media reports said Friday.

If approved, YRC would become the first trucking company to get help from the bailout fund, officially known as the Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP. But analysts say the chance of YRC getting any bailout money is slim. The company also announced Friday

that it has reached an agreement with its banking group that will allow it to keep it within the terms of its debt. Creditors have once before given a lifeline to YRC, allowing it to pay back debt slowly through asset sales and other means.

YRC, which runs trucks under the names including Yellow Transportation and Roadway, wants to sell more of its real estate and use some of the proceeds for debt collateral.

YRC Worldwide Inc. has laid off thousands of workers, asked remaining workers to take sizable pay cuts and made other tough decisions to remain

competitive as the trucking industry suffers from the worst demand in decades. A spokesman for the Treasury Department declined to comment on whether an official application for aid had been filed as of midday Friday. The request was reported by the Wall Street Journal.

The \$700 billion TARP bailout fund, approved by Congress last year, was originally intended to help banks navigate through the credit crisis, but it has also been used to make loans to auto companies and insurer American International Group Inc. □

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# Minn. judge rules teen must see cancer doctor

By AMY FORLITI

Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — A

Minnesota couple who refused chemotherapy for their 13-year-old son was ordered Friday to have the boy re-evaluated to see if he would still benefit from the cancer treatment — or if it may already be too late.

Brown County District Judge John Rodenberg found Daniel Hauser has been “medically neglected” by his parents, Colleen and Anthony Hauser, who belong to a religious group that believes in using only natural healing methods practiced by some American Indians.

The judge allowed Daniel to stay with his parents, noting they love him and acted in good faith, but he gave them until Tuesday to get an updated chest X-ray and select an oncologist.

If the tumor has not grown and if Daniel’s prognosis remains as optimistic as doctors testified last week, then chemotherapy and possible radiation appear to be in Daniel’s best interest, Rodenberg wrote.

“The state has successfully shown by clear and convincing evidence that continued chemotherapy is medically necessary,” he wrote, adding he would not order chemotherapy if doctors find the cancer has advanced to a point where it

is “too late.”

If chemotherapy is ordered and the family refuses, the judge said, Daniel will be placed in temporary custody. It was unclear how the medicine would be administered if the boy fights it, which he said he would do, according to his court testimony unsealed Friday.

According to Daniel’s court testimony, he believes the chemo will kill him, and said: “I’d fight it. I’d punch them and I’d kick them.”

Calvin Johnson, an attorney for Daniel’s parents, said the family is considering an appeal. For now, he said, Daniel is following the order and will have X-rays Monday. Dr. Bruce Bostrom, a pediatric oncologist at Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, diagnosed Daniel with Hodgkin’s lymphoma in January and recommended six rounds of chemotherapy. He underwent one round in February, but stopped after that single treatment. He and his parents opted instead for “alternative medicines,” citing religious beliefs.

Doctors have said Daniel’s cancer had a 90 percent chance of being cured with chemotherapy and radiation. Without those treatments, doctors said his chances of survival are 5 percent. Child protection workers accused Daniel’s parents of medical neglect, and went to court

seeking custody.

Court testimony indicated Daniel’s tumor shrank after the first round of chemo, but has since grown. His mother, Colleen Hauser, testified last week: “My son is not in any medical danger at this point.” She has been treating his cancer with herbal supplements, vitamins, ionized water, and other natural alternatives — despite testimony from five doctors who agreed Daniel needed chemotherapy.

Rodenberg wrote that state statutes require parents to provide necessary medical care for a child. The statutes say alternative and complementary health care methods aren’t enough.

“If the Minnesota Legislature ever reconsiders the relevant statutes, I am confident that I join all of the others involved in this matter in hoping, and indeed in praying, that Daniel Hauser lives to testify at that hearing,” Rodenberg said.

Rodenberg found Daniel has only a “rudimentary understanding at best of the risks and benefits of chemotherapy. ... he does not believe he is ill currently. The fact is that he is very ill currently.”

Because of that, and other evidence in the case, Rodenberg said the state’s interest in protecting the child override the constitutional right to freedom of religious expression and a parent’s



This photo taken on May 8, 2009 shows Daniel Hauser, 13, in New Ulm, Minn. His family, who wants to treat his cancer with natural medicine is waiting to see if a judge will let him refuse chemotherapy for religious reasons. Daniel Hauser has a 90 percent chance of surviving his Hodgkin’s lymphoma with chemotherapy, according to his cancer doctor.

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right to direct a child’s upbringing.

Medical neglect, Rodenberg said, clearly took place both on April 29, when the Hausers did not seek the advice of one doctor who told them to return to an oncologist, and on May 7, when they disregarded with their family doctor’s recommendation to get the tumor X-rayed. Up until then, Rodenberg wrote, the family was seeking second opinions

and alternatives.

A court-appointed attorney for Daniel, Philip Elbert, called the judge’s decision unfortunate.

“I feel it’s a blow to families,” he said Friday. “It marginalizes the decisions that parents face every day in regard to their children’s medical care. It really affirms the role that big government is better at making our decisions for us.” □



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Former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, left, seen next to Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini, with former US Secretary of State George P. Shultz, on the right, at the end of a two-day conference on nuclear disarmament ‘Overcoming Nuclear Dangers’, at the Italian foreign ministry, in Rome, Friday, April 17, 2009. Gorbachev, last leader of the now-defunct Soviet Union, helped inaugurate two days of discussions on nuclear disarmament involving some 100 former and current international leaders, under the sponsorship of the Italian Foreign Ministry, the US-based organization Nuclear Threat Initiative and Gorbachev’s own World Political Forum.

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# Delegates hail success of nuclear meeting

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Delegates hailed the success of a two-week meeting to prepare for a major conference next year to review the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, even though it ended Friday without specific recommendations on disarmament, nonproliferation and peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Zimbabwe’s U.N. Ambassador Boniface Chidyausiku, who chaired the preparatory meeting, said the session achieved what it set out to do: Delegates agreed on an agenda, a chairman and procedures for the review conference.

By contrast, the last review conference in 2005 was unable to agree on an agenda until nearly three weeks after it started — a major factor in the failure of the meeting.

Chidyausiku said delegates had a foundation for discussions. “We’re almost there, but we didn’t want to spoil the atmosphere by going into acrimonious little differences between state parties,” he said.

He said recommendations to next year’s conference, which will take place from May 3-28, “could have been a bonus.”

But Chidyausiku said there wasn’t enough time to reach agreement on proposals that balanced the three pillars of the NPT — disarmament by the nuclear powers, preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and ensuring the peaceful use of nuclear

energy.

“The differences — they were not major,” he said. “With time, we could have done it.” Chidyausiku credited President Barack Obama’s for reversing former President George W. Bush’s policy and pledging last month to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons. He also lauded a new U.S.-Russian cooperation and a new American willingness to engage the international community.

The Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty requires signatory nations not to pursue nuclear weapons in exchange for a commitment by the five nuclear powers — the U.S., Russia, Britain, France and China — to move toward nuclear disarmament. The nonweapons states are guaranteed access to peaceful nuclear technology to produce nuclear power.

The nuclear powers issued a joint statement Friday welcoming “the progress and substantive discussion” at the preparatory meetings and reaffirming their collective support for the NPT.

The nuclear powers welcomed the U.S.-Russian agreement to further reduce their nuclear stockpiles and fresh efforts to promote the entry into force of the nuclear test ban treaty and to negotiate a new treaty that would end production of fissile material used to produce nuclear weapons, including uranium and plutonium.

They also agreed that action is needed to reinforce the

International Atomic Energy Agency’s nuclear safeguard system, to ensure full compliance by all states and to prevent users of nuclear energy from building nuclear weapons.

A senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly, said the U.S. now has the next year “to really focus on some of the issues that president Obama has put forward.”

The U.S. wants to ensure that the review conference strengthens IAEA inspections, deals with the issue of compliance when countries like Iran are in violation of their commitments, makes it more difficult for countries like North Korea to withdraw from the NPT, and looks at ways to prevent proliferation while supplying fissile material for peaceful nuclear energy, the official said.

“It was truly successful,” Eric Danon, France’s ambassador to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, said of the two-week meeting. “We feel it was the best possible outcome to prepare for 2010.” Rebecca Johnson, executive director of the London-based Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy, said “people shouldn’t get depressed that these recommendations couldn’t be agreed now, because it was really worthwhile to have the initial debate that highlighted where the problems lie.” □

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## Venezuela seizes plant of U.S. food giant Cargill

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Associated Press Writer

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez’s government seized temporary control of a Venezuelan pasta-processing plant owned by U.S. food giant Cargill Inc. on Friday, arguing the company broke regulations on food items subject to price controls.

Venezuelan soldiers accompanied Deputy Food Minister Rafael Coronado and other government officials as they arrived at Cargill’s plant in the coastal state of Vargas.

Coronado said “there was a clear transgression of the law,” referring to legislation that aims

to control inflation by requiring companies to ensure that 70 percent to 95 percent of their products are the types that fall under the government-imposed price controls.

The government claims the controls are needed to stem Latin America’s highest inflation, which reached 28.3 percent in April. But businesses argue the controls make it difficult to turn a profit.

Authorities will seize control of Cargill’s pasta plant for a 90-day period to review the plant’s operations and make sure it’s producing 70 percent of its pasta at government-imposed prices, Coronado said. □



# Russia, European states sign gas pipeline deal

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MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's natural gas monopoly Gazprom and companies from four European nations signed agreements Friday advancing the South Stream pipeline, pushing forward with a project that has stirred concerns about increasing European dependence on Russian supplies.

The Russian-lobbied project could hamper European Union plans for a separate pipeline that would carry gas from the Caspian Sea westward and reduce EU energy dependence on Moscow.

South Stream is to pipe gas westward from Russia across the Black Sea on a route that bypasses Ukraine, whose bitter price battles with Moscow have prompted Russian cutoffs that have decreased supplies to European nations.

Those problems have led the EU to seek to diversify its import routes and Russia to seek to diversify its export routes.

With Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi looking on, Gazprom CEO Alexei Miller and the CEO of Italy's Eni, Paolo Scaroni, signed a deal Putin said would enable organizers to double the planned capacity in the offshore section from 31 billion cubic meters to 63 billion cubic meters a year.

Miller also signed separate agreements with energy companies from Greece, Serbia and Bulgaria that foresee cooperation on feasibility studies, design, construction and operation of South Stream sections in those countries, Gazprom said.

"With Italy, Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece, this is our common contribution to European energy security," Putin said.

Russia also expects to sell gas from the pipeline to Hungary and Austria.

Before the signing ceremony in the Black Sea resort city of Sochi, Gazprom spokesman Sergei Kupriyanov told The Associated Press the exact route would be mapped out after feasibility studies that are to be completed by mid-2010. Gazprom and partner Eni want to complete constructing the undersea stretch in 2013.

Planners anticipate the pipeline will begin operating by 2015.

The Russian project is widely viewed as a rival to EU plans for a separate pipeline, Nabucco, that would bring gas from ex-Soviet republics south of Russia across Turkey and further west. But there are concerns that there will not be enough gas to fill it — a potential problem to which Russian officials have repeatedly drawn attention.

"We have nothing against alternative projects," the

ITAR-Tass news agency quoted Putin as saying. However, he added, "Before putting millions of dollars into a pipeline and burying it in the ground, you have to know where the gas for this pipeline is going to come from."

Russia supplies about a quarter of Europe's gas needs with exports of 150 billion cubic meters a year. Plans for South Stream and a Baltic Sea pipeline called Nord Stream have increased EU concerns about dependence on Russia.

Kupriyanov contended that South Stream is no threat to Europe.

"It's a helping hand," he said.

But analysts said Russia's South Stream push is a power play.

"Russia is very keen to keep and increase its control over Europe's gas imports," said Chris Weafer, chief strategist at UralSib investment bank in Moscow. "They want to kill off Nabucco or substantially delay it."

By securing commitments from transit countries, Russia may hope to lure Caspian shoreline nation Azerbaijan into the project and leave Nabucco without gas.

Other observers said that if the global economy recovers soon, the projects would not necessarily have to clash.

"If the demand is strong, both projects will be viable," said Valery Nesterov, oil analyst



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, left, and Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, right, speak during a walk in the Black Sea resort city of Sochi, southern Russia, Friday, May 15, 2009. Russia and four Southern European nations have signed an agreement Friday, for the South Stream pipeline, a new pipeline to carry Russian natural gas to Europe, a project that has already stirred concerns about increasing dependence on Russian supplies.

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at Troika Dialog brokerage in Moscow.

In any case, the price is high for Russia. South Stream's cost is estimated at \$20 billion and rising — at a time when the demand for energy is uncertain and Gazprom is strapped for cash. "Gazprom's current financial difficulties and uncertainties about

demand could change the schedule of the project," said Nesterov. Weafer said South Stream threatens to draw money away from more vital Gazprom ventures, including development of the massive Yamal field. "Yamal needs to be developed quickly, or Russia won't have enough gas," he said. □

## 4 US citizens found strangled in Tijuana

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — The bodies of four U.S. citizens were found strangled, beaten and stabbed in a van in this border city, two days after they reportedly left their Southern California homes for a night at the Mexican clubs, U.S. officials said Thursday.

The victims, ages 19 to 23 years old, were found tied up on Saturday, but their deaths were not reported earlier because they were under investigation, said Fermin Gomez, an assistant state prosecutor in Baja California.

U.S. consular officials in Tijuana said the victims — two men and two women from the San Diego and Chula Vista areas — were U.S. citizens.

The state attorney general's office in Baja California said one of the women was Mexican.

Their deaths are the latest in a string of violence in Tijuana that authorities blame on a bloody turf war between drug cartels.

Bernard Gonzales, a spokesman for the Chula Vista Police Department, said a friend told the women's parents they were headed to nightclubs in Tijuana on Thursday night. They were reported missing the next day when they did not answer their cell phones.

Gomez said relatives of one of the victims told authorities they knew drug traffickers, and that one of the women had cocaine in her system.

The victims were Brianna Hernandez, 19; Carmen Jimena Ramos; Oscar Jorge Garcia, 23; and Luis Antonio Gamez III, 21, said Charles Smith, a spokesman for the U.S. consulate in Tijuana. Ramos was believed to be 20 years old, but her age had not been confirmed. □

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In this photograph provided by Sri Lankan President's office, Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa, left, shakes hands with Sri Lankan Army commander Lt. Gen. Sarath Fonseka during a visit to newly liberated areas from Tamil Tiger rebels in Killinochchi, about 150 miles north of capital Colombo, Sri Lanka, Thursday, April 16, 2009. Rajapaksa visited the rebels' former administrative capital for the first time since the government captured Kilinochchi on Jan. 2, the government said in a statement.

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## SRILANKA

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"The freedom of the Tamil civilians held hostage by the LTTE is near at hand and the rescue of all civilians in the small patch of land held by the LTTE will be done in 48 hours," Rajapaksa told migrant workers in Jordan on Thursday.

As the fighting raged, hundreds of desperate war refugees escaped the conflict zone and a top U.N. official headed here on an urgent mission to safeguard the

tens of thousands of civilians still trapped amid the heavy shelling.

The government has forced the rebels out of the de facto state they once controlled in the north and cornered them in a 1.5-square mile strip of northeastern coastline.

On Friday, two army units were fighting their way down the coast from the north and up from the south in an effort to link up, severing the rebels' last remaining sea outlet and completely encircling them, military spokesman Brig.

Udaya Nanayakkara said. The two units were only 1.1 miles apart, he said. Foreign Minister Rohitha Bogollagama told The Associated Press in Jordan that Sri Lankan soldiers were probably fighting their final battle against the remaining rebel fighters. He said reports have indicated that relatives of top rebel leaders are starting to flee the war zone.

Thenavystoppedasuspicious boat off the northeastern coast Friday and arrested the wife, son and daughter of the rebels' sea wing leader, who were among 11 people on board, Nanayakkara said.

At least 1,800 more civilians managed to flee rebel-held territory Friday, joining more than 3,700 who waded across a lagoon to escape the day before, Nanayakkara said. The rebels fired on those leaving Thursday, killing four and wounding 14 others, he said.

Families packed onto inner tubes floated across the water, past rows of coiled razor wire, according to photos released by the army. Mothers climbed out of the water clutching children, and elderly women carried their belongings in handbags. In one photo, dozens of people climbed out of a small speed boat.

About 200,000 civilians have escaped the war zone in recent months and are being held in overwhelmed displacement camps.

The rebels have denied accusations they were

holding the civilians as human shields and were shooting at those trying to flee. Reports of the fighting are difficult to verify because the government has barred most journalists and aid workers from the conflict zone.

International concern has grown for tens of thousands of civilians under threat from the heavy artillery bombardments shaking the war zone, and the Red Cross warned of "an unimaginable humanitarian catastrophe" for the hundreds of wounded trapped without treatment. Hoping to end the bloodshed, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon sent his chief of staff, Vijay Nambiar, to Sri Lanka for a second time to try to bring the conflict to a peaceful conclusion.

Nambiar is expected to meet with top government officials after he arrives Saturday and push for ways "to secure the safety of the 50,000 to 100,000 civilians remaining inside the combat zone," U.N. spokesman Gordon Weiss said.

Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said in light of the ongoing war, the United States had raised questions about Sri Lanka's application for a \$1.9 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund that the government desperately needs.

"We think that it is not an appropriate time to consider that until there is a resolution," she said in Washington.

Bogollagama said however, countries should be rewarded for fighting terrorism rather than be penalized.

"I think these are times where countries that are countering terrorism successfully should be rewarded. When one has to be rewarded one is denied that opportunity," he said.

"I think a greater degree of understanding will prevail in Sec. Clinton and also in the IMF to look at the unfolding scenario in Sri Lanka and recognize the need for us to go forward."

The U.N. says 7,000 civilians were killed and 16,700 wounded in the fighting from Jan. 20 until May 7, according to a U.N. document given to The Associated Press by a senior diplomat. Since then, doctors in the war zone say more than 1,000 civilians were killed in a week of heavy shelling that rights groups and foreign governments have blamed on Sri Lankan forces. Sri Lanka denies firing heavy weapons into the war zone.

Health workers in the conflict zone remained in their bunkers for a second day Friday because of heavy shelling and gunfire in the area, leaving hundreds of wounded patients untreated in the area's only medical facility, according to a health official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

A Red Cross ferry attempting to deliver desperately needed food aid and evacuate the wounded had to turn back for a third day Thursday because of the violence.

The Red Cross said the trapped civilians inside the war zone were taking cover in bunkers they had dug in the ground and were finding it even more difficult to get scarce drinking water and food.

"We need security and unimpeded access now in order to save hundreds of lives," Pierre Krahenbuhl, the International Committee of the Red Cross' director of operations, said in a statement from Geneva. □

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# Tents for homeless put up on central Paris, near Louvre

CECILE BRISSON

Associated Press Writer

PARIS (AP) — A homeless activist group briefly pitched dozens of tents near the Louvre Museum on Friday in a bid to remind French President Nicolas Sarkozy of the plight of those without housing.

Hours after the green tents went up, police cleared them out.

“Sarkozy, when he was elected, said: In two years, there will be no one left on the street,” said Augustin Legrand, the head of the group, called the Children of Don Quixote. “We want there to be some sort of massive action so that there are fewer people on the street.”

Two years ago, the Children of Don Quixote attracted the government’s attention by installing green, single-person tents along the Saint-Martin canal in eastern Paris — and inviting Parisians to spend the night in them. The campaign spread to other towns and helped lead to a law guaranteeing the right to housing.

But the group says the government is not sticking to its promises, and is cutting housing budgets.

So they pitched the tents again, this time in a highly visible spot on the Quai des Tuileries. They’re beneath the Tuileries Gardens that spread out from the Louvre, and across the Seine from the Musee d’Orsay, two of Paris’ most famous museums.

Gregory Bennacer, 27, settled in one of the tents. He described years of sleeping in cardboard boxes, and calling a hotline for the homeless to find a bed for the night. He said he receives €660 (\$892) a month in government welfare payments and is undergoing treatment for schizophrenia, but has yet to receive a spot in public housing.

Housing Minister Christine Boutin defended her efforts for the homeless. She was quoted in the daily Metro as saying France had provided enough places for all of the country’s estimated 100,000 homeless people to sleep.

The appearance of the tents elicited curiosity and sympathy from some visitors to France’s capital.

“I think it is a very good movement, trying to make people aware of the homeless and trying to help them



Head of French association “Enfants de Don Quichotte “ (Children of Don Quichotte), Augustin Legrand, stands next to camping tents set up along the Seine river in Paris, Friday, May 15, 2009. The Enfants de Don Quichotte organisation set up a string of tents along the river for homeless people to use, and to draw attention to the need for long-term accommodation solutions for the city’s homeless people. It is not yet clear how long the canvass riverside dwellings will be allowed to continue.

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out,” said Angel Meritt, visiting from Atlanta, Georgia.

After nightfall, police came in and cleared out the unauthorized tents. They ordered away journalists who

sought to film the clearing out.

Legrand said the group would sleep outside anyway Friday, as close as they could get to the presidential palace. □



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### NBA Playoffs

## Rockets, Magic win to force Game 7s

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets came up with a stunning start to the game to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 95-80 on Thursday, sending their Western Conference semifinal series into a deciding Game 7.

Aaron Brooks scored 26 points and Luis Scola added 24 points and 12 rebounds as the scrappy, undermanned Rockets pushed the top-seeded Lakers to the brink.

The Rockets opened the game with a 17-1 burst, built a 52-36 lead by halftime, then fought off a Lakers rally to force Game 7 on Sunday at the Staples Center.

Kobe Bryant scored 32 and Pau Gasol added 14 for Los Angeles, which lost for only the third time in the past 18 games when it had a chance to close out a series.

The Lakers have one more opportunity to finish off Houston, but they probably didn't expect to need it, three



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant (24) looks for an opening against Houston Rockets forward Shane Battier (31) during the first quarter of Game 6 of their NBA Western conference playoff basketball series in Houston, Thursday, May 14, 2009.

Associated Press

games after Houston center Yao Ming exited the series with a broken left foot.

"We still have no chance," Brooks said with a huge smile. "We'll keep playing, though." The winner will play the Denver Nuggets, who finished off Dallas on Wednesday and now have a few extra days to rest.

Whereas Houston had built upon its first half lead on Sunday, this time Los Angeles made a game of it, opening the second half with a 16-2 spurt. But the Rockets hit their last eight shots in the third quarter and took a 75-65 lead to the fourth. Kobe Bryant came into the game with six minutes left and the deficit still at 10 points, but missed four of his next six shots.

"We got active again against Kobe. He's going to make some shots. We toughed it out in the fourth quarter," Brooks said.

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This 2008 file photo provided by Rendezvous Entertainment shows Wayman Tisdale posing in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles, Calif. Tisdale, a three-time All-American at Oklahoma who played 12 seasons in the NBA, has died after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 44.

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### Former NBA player Wayman Tisdale dies at 44

MURRAY EVANS  
Associated Press Writer  
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Wayman Tisdale, who played 12 seasons in the NBA, died after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 44.

Tisdale died Friday morning at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa, hospital spokeswoman Joy McGill said.

He learned of a cancerous cyst below his right knee after breaking his leg in a fall at his home in Los Angeles on Feb. 8, 2007. His leg was amputated last August. He made several public appearances since, including April 7 at an Oklahoma City Thunder game.

Tisdale, a 2.06-meter (6-foot-9) forward from Tulsa with a soft left-handed touch, played in the NBA with the Indiana Pacers, Sacramento Kings and Phoenix Suns. He averaged 15.3 points for his career. He was on the U.S. team that won the gold medal in the 1984 Olympics.

### NHL Playoffs

## Red Wings beat Ducks to advance

DETROIT (AP) — Dan Cleary's tiebreaker goal with three minutes left lifted the Detroit Red Wings over the Anaheim Ducks 4-3 on Thursday and sent the Stanley Cup champions to the NHL Western Conference finals for the third straight year. Anaheim's Jonas Hiller made 36 saves, and Chris Osgood stopped 24 shots for Detroit, which couldn't protect an early two-goal lead.

Jiri Hudler, Darren Helm and Mikael Samuelsson also scored for the Red Wings, who will next face the Chicago Blackhawks. Teemu Selanne and Corey Perry cut into deficits for Anaheim and Bobby Ryan made it 3-all at 7:37 of the third.

The previous two Cup champions met in the playoffs for the third time since the NHL expanded in 1967, and all three series have gone seven games. The Edmonton Oilers needed overtime to get past Calgary in 1991, and Montreal beat Boston by two goals in 1971.

Cleary scored the winning goal by stuffing the puck past Hiller after Henrik Zetterberg flipped it into the crease.



The Detroit Red Wings surround goalie Chris Osgood after their 4-3 win over the Anaheim Ducks in Game 7 of an NHL hockey Western Conference semifinal series, Thursday, May 14, 2009 in Detroit.

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Hurricanes 3, Bruins 2

At Boston, Scott Walker scored his first NHL playoff goal 18:46 into overtime to send the Carolina Hurricanes into the Eastern Conference finals.

Byron Bitz gave Boston a 1-0 lead at 7:42 of the first period, and Carolina captain Rod Brind'Amour tied it six minutes later. Sergei Samsonov put the Hurricanes ahead 2-1 at 7:45 of the second period, but Milan Lucic tied it for the Bruins at 6:19 of the third. □



## NFL salary cap up \$12 million over last season

By DAVE SKRETTA  
AP Sports Writer

Dave Skretta, AP Sports Writer — 32 mins ago  
NEW YORK — NFL teams will have nearly \$12 million more under the salary cap this season, the final year with one in place unless the league and its players' union can reach a new collective bargaining agreement.

The cap was due to increase \$7 million to \$123 million this season, but additional adjustments stipulated in the current CBA will increase the total amount that teams can spend on player compensation to about \$128 million. The \$12 million increase is the largest in three years.

The league informed teams Wednesday that a "cash-adjustment mechanism" from final accounting figures in May will give clubs \$947,000 of additional salary cap room, NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Friday. About \$4 million in cap room had already been added earlier this year. The adjustments were triggered after spending on players fell below 59.5 percent of the league's total revenue in 2008.

The adjustments, first reported by FoxSports.com, do not affect the minimum team salary of \$107,748,000.

Aiello said the most recent adjustment would typically carry over to next season's salary cap, but that isn't possible after NFL owners decided last year to opt out of the CBA with two years remaining. Unless a new agreement is reached, there will be no salary cap in 2010. Recently hired NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith said earlier this month that he speaks three or four times per week with commissioner Roger Goodell, although Aiello said Friday negotiations had not begun on an agreement.

"Negotiations with the NFLPA on a new CBA have not commenced," Aiello said. "We have two more seasons to go on the current deal." □

## NL Roundup

# Phillies edge Dodgers in the 10th

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

— Russell Martin hit a tiebreaking two-out double in the 10th inning and Matt Kemp followed with an RBI double to lift the Los Angeles Dodgers over the Philadelphia Phillies 5-3 in the National League on Thursday.

Phillies pitcher Chad Durbin retired the first two batters, then walked Andre Ethier. Martin doubled for a 4-3 lead and after an intentional walk, Kemp delivered.

Philadelphia had its own two-out, two-run rally in the ninth to make it 3-3.

### Brewers 5, Marlins 3

In Milwaukee, Prince Fielder hit a go-ahead homer to help complete Milwaukee's three-game sweep of Florida.

Fielder connected in the fifth and J.J. Hardy added an RBI single in the sixth for a 5-3 lead.

Milwaukee starter Dave Bush struck out seven and gave up just two earned runs in seven innings.

It was the fourth straight loss for the Marlins.



President Barack Obama holds up a team jersey presented to him by Philadelphia Phillies baseball shortstop Jimmy Rollins, second left, as manager Charlie Manuel, left, looks on as Obama honored the 2008 World Series champions Philadelphia Phillies, Friday, May 15, 2009, on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington. First base coach Davey Lopes is at right.

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In San Francisco, David Wright hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the ninth inning and finished with four of New York's franchise-record seven stolen bases in the win over

San Francisco.

Wright had three hits and drove in two runs for New York, who ran wild on the basepaths.

In other NL games it was, Milwaukee 5, Florida 3;

L.A. Dodgers 5, Philadelphia 3 innings; Chicago Cubs 11, San Diego 3; Houston 5, Colorado 3; St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 1; and N.Y. Mets 7, San Francisco 4. □

## AL Roundup

# Davis' HR gives Texas 3-2 victory over Seattle

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Chris Davis hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning for the Texas Rangers to overcome the Seattle Mariners 3-2 and complete a three-game sweep in the American League on Thursday.

The Rangers didn't score until Hank Blalock led off the ninth against closer Brandon Morrow (0-3) with a home run into the second deck of the right-field stands. After David Murphy's one-out double, Davis homered to center to give AL West-leading Texas its 10th win in 12 games.

Matt Harrison (4-2) threw a five-hitter for his second complete game in a row, though his consecutive scoreless innings streak ended at 22. He allowed Seattle's three runs in the fourth.

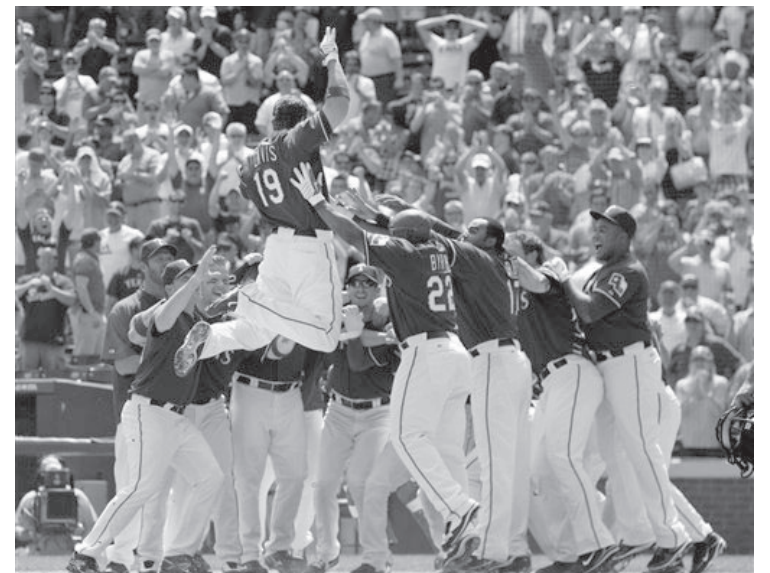
Felix Hernandez pitched seven shutout innings for Seattle.

At Toronto, Derek Jeter and Hideki Matsui delivered key hits to lead CC Sabathia and the Yankees to the win.

Jeter tied it with an RBI single in the seventh inning, Matsui put New York ahead with a solo homer in the eighth and Mariano Rivera worked a perfect ninth for his seventh save in eight chances.

Sabathia (3-3) allowed five hits in eight innings to win consecutive starts for the first time this season and help the Yankees take two of three from Toronto, the surprise leader in the AL East.

Jeter and Matsui returned to the lineup after sitting out Wednesday night. Jeter missed two games with a sore right oblique and Matsui left Tuesday's game after one at-bat with a



Texas Rangers' Chris Davis (19) leaps into the air and onto awaiting teammates at home plate after hitting a walk off two-run home run off of Seattle Mariners' Brandon Morrow in the ninth inning of a baseball game in Arlington, Texas, Thursday, May 14, 2009. The shot scored David Murphy in the Rangers 3-2 win.

Associated Press

tight right hamstring.

Matsui led off the eighth with a drive to right-center off Jesse Carlson (0-2).

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Victor Martinez had four hits and drove in four runs, raising his batting average to .400 and helping Cleveland get the victory.

In other AL games it was Minnesota 6, Detroit 5; Texas 3, Seattle 2; L.A. Angels 5, Boston 4, 12 innings; N.Y. Yankees 3, Toronto 2; Cleveland 11, Tampa Bay 7; and Baltimore 9, Kansas City 5. □



**GAME 7s**

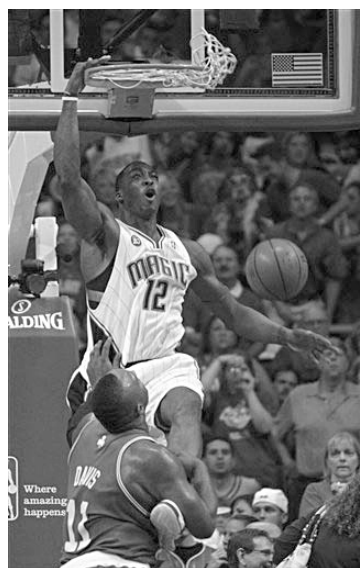
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The Rockets scored 40 points in the paint and held Los Angeles to 36 percent shooting (30-for-84). The Lakers went only 5-for-23 from 3-point range.

**Magic 83, Celtics 75**

In Orlando, Florida, Dwight Howard had 23 points and 22 rebounds after challenging Stan Van Gundy's coaching strategy as Orlando beat Boston to force Game 7 in their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Rashard Lewis had 20 points, and Hedo Turkoglu made a 3-pointer to highlight an 11-2 run to close the game for the Magic, who could dump the defending champions and reach the Eastern Conference finals for the first time in 13 years. Rajon Rondo finished



**Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard, top, dunks the ball over Boston Celtics forward Glen Davis in the second half of a second-round NBA playoff basketball game in Orlando, Fla., Thursday, May 14, 2009. The Magic won 83-75 to even the series at three games apiece.**

*Associated Press*

with 19 points, 16 rebounds and six assists, and Paul Pierce scored 17 for the Celtics, who led by 10 points in the second half before falling apart. Game 7 is on Sunday in Boston.

The Celtics also failed to close out the Chicago Bulls in Game 6 of their first-round series, a triple-overtime epic. Boston will now go the distance in its first two series for the second straight year.

The two days off before Game 7 should give an older, worn out Boston team a chance to rest its tired legs. It's still not enough for coach Doc Rivers. The Celtics held the Magic scoreless for more than five minutes to start the third quarter, building a 10-point lead on a jumper by Glen Davis. But Howard led the Magic back, with a backspin alley-oop from Turkoglu that highlighted a spurt to end the third quarter. Orlando took its first lead with 8:38 remaining in the fourth.

Pierce hit three straight jumpers to give Boston a 73-72 lead with about four minutes to play, but the Celtics were done in by their 3-for-18 shooting from 3-point range and 19 turnovers. Ray Allen missed all seven attempts from behind the arc.

Howard blamed Van Gundy for not getting the ball more after the Magic's Game 5 collapse, when they blew a 14-point lead in the fourth quarter. "You've got a dominant player, let him be dominant," Howard said. □



**Olympic swimming gold medalist Michael Phelps swims the preliminary men's 100 butterfly during the USA Swimming Grand Prix Series Charlotte Ultraswim in Charlotte, N.C., Friday, May 15, 2009.**

*Associated Press*

## Phelps cruises to two finals in return to pool

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**

**AP National Writer**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Michael Phelps looked more relaxed than he's ever been. He smiled for the cameras. He joked around with the other swimmers. Then it was time to dive in. He was back in his comfort zone. The winningest Olympian ever returned to the pool Friday morning for his first meet since Beijing, eager to move on from the embarrassment of being photographed using a marijuana pipe. Phelps cruised to the finals of his first two events at the Charlotte UltraSwim, where all eyes — and cameras — were focused on the iconic athlete who won eight gold medals in China.

"He said something to me like, 'Do I really have five cameras in my face for the Charlotte UltraSwim? I didn't even have this for the Olympics,'" said Bob Bowman, Phelps' coach.

These cameras, he didn't mind.

"I'm happy to be back, happy to be racing again," Phelps said. "Tonight is going to be my first final I've had since Beijing. We'll see how it goes."

Going out in the final preliminary heat of the 200-meter freestyle, Phelps got progressively faster with each lap and touched in 1 minute, 50.46 seconds, just behind Davis Tarwater's time of 1:50.21. Olympian Peter Vanderkaay, swimming in the next-to-last heat, also edged Phelps in 1:50.26. □

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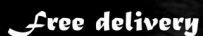
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# Corte de Colombia pide intervención de relator ONU por espionaje

BOGOTÁ (Reuters) - La Corte Suprema de Justicia de Colombia solicitó la intervención del relator de la ONU para la independencia judicial para que investigue el espionaje a magistrados de ese tribunal desde una Central de Inteligencia estatal, casos que han enlodado la imagen del Gobierno.

El presidente Alvaro Uribe afronta un escándalo por el espionaje que desde el Departamento Administrativo de Seguridad (DAS) se hizo a magistrados, periodistas y líderes de la oposición antes y después de las elecciones del 2006, en las que fue reelegido para un segundo mandato.

La Corte Suprema decidió "demandar del Gobierno Nacional fecha muy próxima para que el señor relator para la independencia de la Organización de Naciones Unidas (ONU) haga presencia en nuestra República", dijo un comunicado del máximo tribunal expedido el jueves en la noche.

Asimismo exigió un pronunciamiento directo y concreto del presidente Uribe sobre el alcance de las denuncias, además de

"garantías necesarias para que estos hechos no se repitan".

Por su parte, el Consejo de Estado aseguró que "no encuentra suficientes las explicaciones que hasta el momento ha entregado el Gobierno Nacional".

El escándalo estalló en febrero en la Central de Inteligencia y ha provocado la destitución de al menos 33 funcionarios del organismo de seguridad que depende directamente del presidente.

Líderes del opositor Partido Liberal y del Polo Democrático Alternativo acusaron a Uribe y a funcionarios cercanos de estar detrás de interceptaciones telefónicas ilegales que se utilizaron como parte de una estrategia para neutralizar a la oposición.

La Fiscalía General de la Nación no ha revelado aún el resultado de sus investigaciones, con las que trata de establecer si funcionarios del Gobierno tienen responsabilidad directa o indirecta en el caso de los espionajes.

El Gobierno se ha defendido con el argumento de que incluso funcionarios cercanos a Uribe figuraban entre las personas que eran escuchadas



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ilegalmente por el DAS.

Como consecuencia del escándalo, Uribe le quitó a la Central de Inteligencia la facultad para realizar interceptaciones e inició una campaña de depuración.

Uribe mantiene desde hace meses tensas relaciones con

la oposición y las principales cortes judiciales, en momentos en que aún no ha descartado la posibilidad de presentarse como candidato en el 2010 buscando su segunda reelección inmediata si, como se prevé, el Congreso aprueba un referendo. El mandatario

criticó en septiembre pasado al relator especial de la Comisión de Derechos Humanos de la ONU para la Independencia de magistrados y abogados, Leandro Despouy, quien pidió poner fin a los enfrentamientos entre el Gobierno y la Corte Suprema. □

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